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SUBJECT: ASECNA DIRECTORS MEETING NDJAMENA

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1. TR APRIL 21, EMBOFF MET WITH MR. MALEKOU OF GABON,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ASECNA AND MR. GAMI, THE ASECNA
DIRECTOR FOR CHAD. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON THE
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RESULTS OF THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING HELD IN NDJAMENA THE
PREVIOUS WEEK WITH EMPHASIS ON THE MLS SYSTEM AND
COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT.

2. THE MLS DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN STUDIED BY THE
DIRECTORS AND THE ASECNA TRAINING CENTER AT NIAMEY.
THE DECISION WHETHER TO RECOMMEND THE MLS OR

DOPPLER SYSTEM WAS TO BE MADE IN DAKAR ON 21 APRIL, THEREFORE, MR. MALEKOU DID NOT KNOW WHICH SYSTEM WAS CHOSEN.

3. THE ASECNA DIRECTORS WANT TO REPLACE THE PRESENT CONTROL CENTER COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS WITH AMERICAN EQUIPMENT. THE REASONS, ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ARE SUPERIOR QUALITY AND RELIABILITY OF U.S. ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS. ASECNA WOULD APPRECIATE FAA QUOTE ASSISTANCE UNQUOTE IN SUCH A CHANGE OVER. NEWS OF THE POTENTIAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IS NOT SECRET. THE DIRECTOR'S NEXT APPOINTMENT WAS WITH THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE THOMSON-CSF TO DISCUSS COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT NEEDS.

4. ASECNA WANTS TO ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE ON AERONAUTICAL PROBLEMS PECULIAR TO AFRICA. PARTICIPANTS WOULD INCLUDE ALL AFRICAN AND INDIAN OCEAN COUNTRIES. ASECNA WOULD LIKE FAA SUPORT FOR THE PROPOSED AFRICAN-INDIAN OCEAN MEETING.

5. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL SAID THAT ASECNA BUDGETARY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED IN ONE OR TWO YEARS IF INFLATION REATES DO NOT INCREASE. ASECNA WILL SEEK FINANCQAL ASSISTANCE TO REPLACE PRESENT AIRPORT COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.
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6. OUTSIDE THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING, MR. MALEKOU MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE FAA QUOTE LABORATORY PLANE UNQUOTE IN MONROVIA. HE WOULD LIKE THIS PLAN TO TEST THE ASECNA CONTROLLED INSTALLATIONS IN FRANCHOPHONE AFRICA.
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